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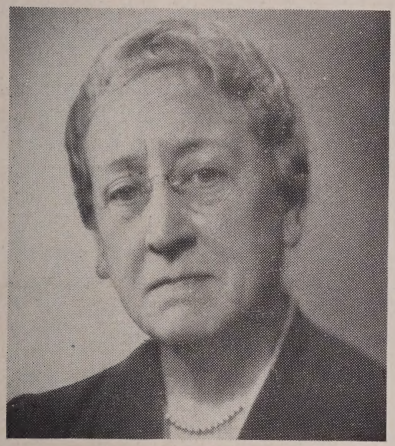

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MISS SADIE A. HAGEN

Following a brief illness, Sadie A. Hagen, a retired Deaconess of the Methodist Church, died on Wednesday, January fourth, at the Palmer Building of The Deaconess, Boston Miss Hagen had served the New England Deaconess Association for a period of forty-three years. She had celebrated her seventy-first birthday last December twenty-fourth.

A half century ago Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell sat in the very best chair in the living room at the Deaconess Home, 691 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, and spoke to the young ladies who had recently been consecrated as Deaconesses of the Methodist Episcopal Church. "All that the Methodist Church has to offer you is hard work," said the Bishop. The allowance was $8 a month and a home. There was no pension fund in sight. The first challenge to these young women who had just graduated from the New England Deaconess Bible Training School was to raise the money to open a new fifty-bed hospital unit. They were to go to Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts to tell of the work and the need. Sadie Hagen was in that little group. She was there because she had caught a great inspiration from Josephine S. Fisk, the superintendent of Deaconess work in New England.

From 1910 to 1913 Miss Hagen was Superintendent of the Deaconess Home mentioned above. In 1913 she opened the Home for Aged Methodist Women at Concord. In 1920 she became Superintendent of the old Palmer Memorial Hospital on Blue Hill Avenue, and in 1930 when the new Palmer was built in connection with the Deaconess Hospital, she became Assistant Superintendent of the Deaconess Hospital, where she remained until her retirement in 1943.

Miss Hagen was born in Belfast, Ireland, came to this country when she was ten years old, lived in New York City for two years where her father died, and then moved with her mother, her brother, and sister from New York to Newton Upper Falls. After completing her public schooling, Miss Hagen entered the Deaconess Training School, graduating from that institution in 1904. After that she served the Deaconess Association and the Deaconess Hospital for the rest of her working life.

Funeral services were conducted at her home Church, the First Methodist Church of Newton Upper Falls, Mass.,

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NOTICE

New employees wishing to join Blue Cross and-or Blue Shield, must do so within 30 days of their employment, or wait until the next general re-opening dates — April 20 or October 20.

HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The week preceding Christmas found the hospital particularly gay with a round of departmental parties, culminating on Friday the 23rd with the Annual party for the hospital staff in the living room of Harris Hall.

In order to accommodate everyone, three performances of the entertainment were given. These included a solo by Miss Yvonne Lagerquist, Deaconess nurse; a magician; a barber-shop quartet consisting of "Caruso" Cook, "Down Beat" Lowry, "Maestro" Meissner, and "Blues" Byrne (who was also Master of Ceremonies) accompanied by "Candle Pin" Chamberlin. The climax of the show was the personal appearance of "Rudolph," direct from the North Pole.

A pound of candy was given to each employee again this year, and the refreshments were served in the Special Nurses' Dining Room, where an accordionist played throughout the afternoon. The annual award of service pins was made to 39 people, with Dr. Warren F. Cook receiving his 20-year pin with the best wishes and congratulations of the hospital staff.

The Annual OPD Christmas Party was held on December 22nd, with the strains of "Jingle Bells" and the actual jingling of bells almost drowning out the throng as Santa (whose voice was uncannily reminiscent of Dr. Parsons') made his eagerly-awaited entrance. After opening the gifts he brought, refreshments were served, and a number of the guests played various games.

The operating room held a combined house-warming, Christmas, and farewell party at the new nurses' home at 9 Autumn Street a few days before Christmas. Presents were distributed by Santa (J. Keefe) Claus, and he was especially good to our yellow girls, Catherine Allen, Marilyn McTeague, and Diana Marderosian, who will enter training this winter, and to Geraldine (Stannard) Gerry, whom we were all glad to see again.

Pathology's Annual Christmas Party was enjoyed with the usual relish. Dr. Prichard made a most amiable Santa Claus. Dr. Carroll Smith received two note-worthy hunting trophies, which he will undoubtedly ship back to California to add to his collection.

The Social Service Department is extremely grateful to the Nursing Department and Operating Room Staff, who so generously contributed groceries, gifts, and money to needy patients and their families. The department already has many appreciative letters on file from patients whose Christmas was made happier by the thoughtfulness of the nurses.

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Saturday, January seventh. She had joined that Church as a little girl. The Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Francis D. Taylor, was assisted by Dr. Elmer A. Leslie of Boston University School of Theology, and Bishop John Wesley Lord, resident in the Boston Area of the Methodist Church.

Miss Hagen had a keen Irish wit which carried her through many a tough hospital problem. She also had the practical ability to see through a problem and the will to carry through to a successful solution. She was beloved by a host of friends and will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

Dr. Shields Warren once said of her: "In the days when the first Palmer Memorial was built, there was no other hospital for advanced cancer sufferers in New England. As a result of her skill in caring for patients at the old Palmer Memorial, not only did the new Palmer become possible, but a major step was accomplished in pointing the way toward establishment of the state cancer program and its hospitals."

ENGAGEMENTS

Ruth Moore of the Palmer Record Room has become engaged to Lawrence E. Van Bentuysen of Yonkers, New York. Larry is a junior at the University of Vermont. A Fall wedding is planned. Ruth is leaving the Hospital this month to work at home until the time of her marriage. Best of luck!

The Cashier's Office reports their most exciting news in three years — that of Peggy Kerrigan's engagement. We share with them their best wishes and congratulations to Peggy and her fiance, Alfred T. Cote of Brighton. Plans for the wedding are still indefinite.

If you haven't noticed the rings, you could hardly miss the post-Christmas smiles on the faces of Rose Sindone and Martha Wilcox. Rose is engaged to Jack W. Stickler of Kansas City, Missouri, who is a student at the University of Kansas City. Wedding plans are indefinite. Martha has also announced her engagement to Charles Floyd Fellows of Boston on January 27th. Our best wishes to both girls.

MARRIAGES

Wedding bells are ringing in the Nursing Department. Ruby Flood, '49 Junior, was married on December 17th to Walter D. Carver, a Boston University Medical Student. Ruby has returned to Deaconess until her husband starts his internship in Providence.

Irma Hunt, '49 Senior, was married to Richard Mooney on December 28th.

TRANSFERS

Dr. Harold D. Rosenbaum, from Denver, Colorado, is the new resident in the x-ray department. Originally from Kentucky, he has brought his charming Southern drawl with him.

Doris Bean, who for seven years was in charge of the patients' library, has returned in a part-time capacity as an assistant to Mrs. Paine. Miss Bean has spent the past seven years in Washington, D. C., working for the Navy Children's Hospital.

The Social Service Department has accepted with regret Ida Jeanne Pollak's resignation. She still plans to give us several days of volunteer work each week for the next few months.

Barbara Ann Brigham replaces Mrs. Pollak as social worker. A graduate of Clark University, she has had graduate work in Social Service at the B. U. School of Social Work and the N. Y. School of Social Work.

With the New Year, Pathology welcomes to its staff Dr. Orliss Wildermuth, from the U. S. Public Health Service; Dr. Rudolph Junda, an X-ray Fellow; and two volunteers — Dr. Leo Gehrig and Dr. A. L. Herring, Jr.

Dr. Kenneth E. Gross, former resident in x-ray until January 1st, has a new position as a roentgenologist in Spokane, Washington. We all wish him the best of luck.

BEST WISHES

Miss Muriel Lund and Miss Nannie Peterson have recently been trying out the Nursing Service in Deaconess. We are glad that Miss Lund is well enough to have been discharged. Miss Peterson is accepting our hospitality a bit longer, but we hope she, too, will soon be able to return home.

Housekeeping reports that Mrs. Eleanor Crump's daughter, Lillian, is convalescing in Palmer.

By this time we trust Elaine Higgins is back with us and walking normally after her foot operation.

SERVICE PINS

A few employees were unable to attend the Christmas Party and therefore have not yet received their service pins. They may be obtained in the Personnel Office.

NURSING

Forty new student nurses will enter the January class starting on the 20th. Of this group 29 come from Massachusetts, 4 from Rhode Island, 3 from Maine, 2 from New Hampshire, and 1 each from Connecticut and Vermont. Three of the girls — Catherine D. Allen, Elaine V. McMahan, and Marilyn A. McTeague — are former employees who worked as Yellow Girls for the Nursing and Surgical Departments. Three other girls come from families where there have been othr Deaconess graduates — Shirley I. Broadbent is Barbara Broadment's sister, Roberta Gibb is Marion Gibb Marshall's sister, and Flora I. Lane and Carolyn Lane are sisters.

Eighteen students are eagerly awaiting the mornings when they will receive their pins and be welcomed as NEDH Alumnae. These pins are awarded at morning Prayers as the students complete the requirements of their course. Best of wishes to these students from all at the Deaconess.

The Carollers, a student nurse group, sang on the evening of December 23rd in the neighborhood. They went to Children's Hospital, Boston Lying-in, House of the Good Samaritan, Massachusetts Home, Channing Home, and Miss Hagen's. Although it was a warm rainy night, they added their cheer to the Christmas season. After their "rounds" a party was given for them at the Faculty House.

Barbara Broadbent, '48 Senior, now a Clinical Instructor, was selected to sing in the chorus with the Boston Symphony Orchestra when Charles Munch presented at the Friday-Saturday series on December 30 and 31 the first performance of Honegger's dramatic oratorio, *Joan of Arc at the Stake.* Arthur Fiedler trained the chorus for this unusual performance, which had nation-wide interest among musicians. We were proud to have one of our staff chosen for this outstanding work!

GLAD TO SEE YOU!

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Laundry
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Pathology
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Surgery
Patricia E. G. Duckett
Anna T. O'Toole

X-Ray
Dr. Harold D. Rosenbaum

IN APPRECIATION

The reporters on THE PULSE staff wish to express their thanks to Mary Parkins for being so grand to work with during the past and to let her know that they will miss her at the meetings of the staff where she used to preside. They nevertheless anticipate with pleasure their new association with Mr. Byrne and his office under whose supervision THE PULSE will appear hereafter.

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